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Claims (new set of claims)

1. A method of repelling or deterring slugs using naturally occurring secretions from ground beetles.
2. A method of repelling or deterring slugs on vining peas as claimed in claim 1 using beetle secretions.
3. The use of a composition comprising methacrylic acid and water as a slug repellent.
4. The use of a composition comprising methacrylic acid, tiglic acid and water as a slug repellent.
5. The use of a composition comprising methacrylic acid, crotonic acid and water as a slug repellent.
6. The use of a composition comprising formic acid and water as a slug repellent.
7. The use of a composition comprising acetic acid, crotonic acid and water as a slug repellent.
8. The use of a composition comprising acetic acid and water as a slug repellent.
9. The use of a composition comprising tiglic acid and water as a slug repellent.
10. The use of a composition as claimed in claims 3 - 9 to deter slugs in vining peas.